

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
of
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954

June 30, 1954

To the Chairman and members of the
State Highway Department
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities
of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Highway
Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954.

Respectfully,
H. B. SPICER
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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During the past year the Motor Vehicle Department has adopted a new system which can appropriately be described as a complete punch card system. It embraces the use of punch card methods in almost every operation. This is in contrast to the prior methods, which involved a combination of manual procedures, minor use of addressograph equipment, extensive coding for filing purposes, dextigraphing of forms and a minor use of punch cards for statistical purposes.

The new system, presently being installed will be more economical to operate and will give the motorists of the State of Delaware more convenient methods of obtaining licenses, titles and vehicle registrations.

The Motor Vehicle Department continued its information service for the Law Enforcement Agencies of the State on a round the clock basis. This service was improved during the year by the installation of a teletype machine in the Motor Vehicle Department which is connected with all Delaware State Police stations.

A direct telephone line was installed between the Dover Office and the Wilmington Lane. This installation has increased the efficiency of transmitting routine information between the two offices and at the same time enabled the Department to save an estimated \$1500 annually.

With the cooperation of the Archives office, a backlog of a great amount of micro-filming of important Motor Vehicle Department records is nearing completion. This has permitted the authorized destruction of bulky papers thus making available much needed space for the filing of current records.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report of Vehicles Examined at the

Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Lanes

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Closing

Approved on Initial Examination	104,570
Approved on Re-Examination	9,507
DAILY TOTAL	114,077
Rejected On Initial Examination	6,131
Rejected On Re-Examination	75
TOTAL	6,206

Reason For Rejections

Tires	82	Dr. Lights	875
Alin.	1,269	C.P.B. Output	413
St. Oper.	1,445	P. & O. Lights	373
Dimensions	20	R. & S. Lights	3,443
Plates	44	Bulbs	637
Glass	1,771	Wir. & Sw.	39
W. W. Vision	63	Reflectors	182
Horn	185	Div. Sig.	76
Windshield	119	Ser. Br.	341
Mirror	48	Park. Br.	947
Exhaust	668	Br. Equal.	1,290
Misc.	365	P. & L. Reserve	148
Hd. Lights	2,374	Door & Latch	108

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30th—
(Comparative)**

% of Increase			% of Increase		% of Increase
1952	1953	over 1952	1954	over 1952	over 1953
394,812	404,840	+ 2.5%	429,891	+ 8.9%	+ 6.2%

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**APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30th—
(Classified by Departments)**

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1952	1954	1952	1954	1952	1954	1952	1954	1952	1954
166,074	191,129	75,595	65,656	19,609	26,503	133,534	146,603	394,812	429,891
	+25,055		—9,939		+6,894		+13,069		+35,079

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions for fiscal year ended June 30, 1954 over
fiscal year ended June 30, 1952 8.9%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-52 to 6-30-53 and 7-1-53 to 6-30-54

	1952-1953	1953-1954	1953-1954	1953-1954
			Increase	Decrease
Registrations				
Pleasures (1 yr.)	\$ 838,521.00	\$1,123,926.25	\$285,405.25	\$
Pleasures (½ yr.)	17,822.00	30,401.00	12,579.00	.....
Pleasures (¼ yr.)	1,250.00	1,442.85	192.85	.....
Commercials (1 yr.)	653,404.76	804,665.05	151,260.29	.....
Commercials (½ yr.)	92,174.15	113,968.59	21,794.44	.....
Commercials (¼ yr.)	6,332.60	7,351.22	1,018.62	.....
Trailers (1 yr.)	141,120.52	308,316.36	167,195.84	.....
Trailers (½ yr.)	31,108.75	37,776.25	6,667.50	.....
Trailers (¼ yr.)	1,910.05	2,157.24	247.19	.....
Tractors	1,060.00	1,144.00	84.00	.....
Motorcycles (1 yr.)	2,411.50	2,435.00	23.50	.....
Motorcycles (½ yr.) .....	.00	3.00	3.00	.....
Stock Cars	35.00	150.00	115.00	.....
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	52,829.14	66,333.14	13,504.00	.....
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)	446.50	705.73	259.23	.....
Dealers	12,295.00	12,937.00	642.00	.....
Extra Wgt., etc.	1,986.78	3,744.18	1,757.40	.....
Total	\$ 1,854,707.75	\$ 2,517,456.86	\$ 662,749.11	\$
Operators				
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	\$ 582.00	\$.00	\$	\$ 582.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	156,220.00	237,045.00	80,825.00	.....
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs	20,760.00	56,175.00	35,415.00	.....
Total	\$ 177,562.00	\$ 293,220.00	\$ 116,240.00	\$ 582.00
Titling Department				
New Car Titles	\$ 18,726.00	\$ 21,045.00	\$ 2,319.00	\$
Used Car Titles	55,687.00	58,827.00	3,140.00	.....
Corr. Titles	2,570.00	3,138.00	568.00	.....
Dup. Titles	822.50	862.00	39.50	.....
Liens	16,560.50	16,561.00	.50	.....
Satisfactions	6,567.25	6,278.25	.....	289.00
Supp. Titles	3,551.00	3,231.00	.....	320.00
Total	\$ 104,484.25	\$ 109,942.25	\$ 6,067.00	\$ 609.00

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE

7-1-52 to 6-30-53 and 7-1-53 to 6-30-54

(Continued)

	1952-1953	1953-1954	1953-1954	1953-1954
			Increase	Decrease
Miscellaneous				
Lost Tags	\$ 2,856.00	\$ 2,954.00	\$ 98.00	\$
Duplicate Cards	4,443.00	5,113.00	670.00	.....
Exch. Oper. Cards	570.50	601.50	31.00	.....
Reference Money	1,887.15	1,679.10	.....	208.05
Lost Inserts	134.00	54.00	.....	80.00
Temporary Veh.				
Permits	7,786.00	7,314.00	.....	472.00
Bad Check				
Collections	270.00	270.00	.....	.....
Telephone Fees .....	.00	3,660.54	3,660.54	.....
A.R.O. Fees .....	.00	330.00	330.00	.....
Tag Retainers' Fees ..	6,565.00	8,015.00	1,450.00	.....
Total	\$ 24,511.65	\$ 29,991.14	\$ 6,239.54	\$760.05
Shortage &				
Surcharge	\$ —196.16	\$ —509.89	\$ —313.73	\$
Total	\$ —196.16	\$ —509.89	\$ —313.73	\$

SUMMARIZED COMPARISONS OF REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEARS ENDING 1953 AND 1954

	1952-1953	1953-1954	1953-1954 Increase	1953-1954 Decrease
Registrations	\$1,854,707.75	\$2,517,456.86	\$662,749.11	\$
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	582.00	.00	.....	582.00
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	156,220.00	237,045.00	80,825.00	.....
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	20,760.00	56,175.00	35,415.00	.....
Titling	104,484.25	109,942.25	5,458.00	.....
Miscellaneous	24,511.65	29,991.14	5,479.49	.....
Shortage & Surcharge	—196.16	—509.89*	—313.73	.....
Total	\$2,161,069.49	\$2,950,100.36	\$789,612.87	\$582.00
Deduct 1952-1953 Total		2,161,069.49		
Deduct 1953-1954 Decrease			582.00	
Equals 1953-1954 Net Increase		\$ 789,030.87	\$789,030.87	

The following refunds were deducted:

	1952-1953	1953-1954
Registrations	\$17,488.32	\$21,601.89
Bi-Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	215.50	187.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	20.00	40.00
Duplicate Cards	9.50	24.00
New Car, Used Car, Supp. & Corr. Titles	25.00	32.00
Duplicate Titles	6.00	2.50
Liens	14.00	11.50
Lost Tags	4.00	4.00
Temp. Vehicle Permits	1.00	1.00
Lost Inserts .....	.00	.50
Reference Money .....	.00	.50
Total	\$17,783.32	\$21,904.89

Note: (Refund checks amounting to One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$175.30) were given to Mr. Burrough to be returned to the State Treasurer for cancellation. This amount was not included in grand total of cash collections. The checks returned for cancellation covered the following: Registrations, \$171.30—Bi-Annual Operators & Chauffeurs, \$4.00.)

*\$144.90 of the 1953-1954 shortage shown is due to three (3) uncollectable bad checks (James Lemuel Thalls—\$106.90, Penn Rose Auto Sales—\$37.00, and Penn Rose Auto Sales—\$1.00.)

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT**AUDITING DEPT.****GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS****Fiscal Year 7-1-53 to 6-30-54****(Classified by Departments)**

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	George- town	Total
Cash Collec- tions	\$456,870.70	\$422,711.09	\$1,506,476.95	\$586,091.41	\$2,972,150.15
Per- centages	15.4%	14.2%	50.7%	19.7%	

GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS**(Comparative)**

Year	7-1-52 to 6-30-53	7-1-53 to 6-30-54	Increase or Decrease
Cash Collections	\$2,178,852.81	\$2,972,150.15	+ \$793,297.34

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REFUNDS**Fiscal Year**

Year	7-1-52 to 6-30-53	7-1-53 to 6-30-54	Increase or Decrease
Refunds	\$17,783.32	\$21,904.89	+ 4,121.57

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended 6-30th
(Classified by Months)

Month	1953	1954
July	\$ 147,855.84	\$ 163,399.01
August	96,760.28	102,729.17
September	308,078.63	357,822.14
October	155,060.91	172,552.50
November	76,729.83	88,767.40
December	199,100.75	319,889.15
January	203,543.65	185,564.97
February	98,902.80	153,178.65
March	355,442.07	642,113.69
April	176,934.50	253,133.77
May	96,347.90	137,767.76
June	264,095.65	395,231.94
Totals	\$2,178,852.81	\$2,972,150.15
Increase for 1954		\$793,297.34
Percentage of Increase		36.4%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-53 to 6-30-54)

	Mail	Dover	Wilhn.	Georgetown	Total
Registrations					
Pleasures (1 yr.).....	6,937	13,331	69,578	19,920	109,766
Pleasures (½ yr.).....	1,492	712	1,346	819	4,869
Pleasures (¼ yr.).....	8	63	260	69	400
Commercials (1 yr.)...	1,593	3,659	12,393	5,241	22,886
Commercials (½ yr.)...	349	820	301	1,021	2,991
Commercials (¼ yr.)...	21	141	61	60	283
Trailers (1 yr.).....	1,301	1,229	2,865	1,435	6,830
Trailers (½ yr.).....	88	256	174	223	741
Trailers (¼ yr.).....	3	41	10	19	73
Tractors	16	85	117	12	230
Motorcycles (1 yr.).....	43	60	427	82	612
Motorcycles (½ yr.)...	0	0	0	1	1
Stock Cars	0	0	28	2	30
Dealers	483	77	465	466	1,491
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)...	184	1,083	182	1,713	3,162
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)...	2	0	5	32	39
Extra Wgt., etc.	588	22	237	96	943
Exempt	196	434	745	387	1,762
Transfers	20,403	132	11,782	1,703	34,020
Total	33,707	22,145	101,976	33,301	191,129
Operators					
Bi-Annual Operators (1954)	44	0	136	20	200
Bi-Annual Operators (1956)	12,796	2,307	14,816	3,683	33,602
Bi-Annual Operators (1954)	14	0	32	40	86
Bi-Annual Operators (1956)	3,477	1,053	4,164	1,582	10,276
Applications	67	2,217	10,848	2,174	15,306
Permanent Operators	484	310	3,053	750	4,597
Permanent Chauffeurs	175	129	544	254	1,102
Taxi (1953)	1	25	158	18	202
Taxi (1954)	0	38	217	30	285
Total	17,058	6,079	33,968	8,551	65,656

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.

TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-53 to 6-30-54)—(Continued)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
Titling Department					
New Car Titles	7,108	284	10,763	2,908	21,063
Used Car Titles	31,435	1,172	21,077	5,155	58,839
Corr. Titles	844	285	1,414	597	3,140
Dup. Titles	1,391	0	284	54	1,729
Liens	15,973	509	13,148	3,515	33,145
Satisfactions	25,112	0	0	0	25,112
Exempt Titles	183	3	117	41	344
Supplementary Titles	2,830	0	343	58	3,231
Total	84,876	2,253	47,146	12,328	146,603
Miscellaneous					
Lost Tags	127	258	561	533	1,479
Dup. Reg. Cards	752	565	1,942	783	4,042
Reference Money	283	0	0	0	283
Temporary Veh.					
Permits	131	588	4,861	1,735	7,315
Lost Inserts	11	0	156	51	218
Exch. Oper. Cards	8	244	676	275	1,203
Dup. Opr. &					
Chauff. Cards	885	29	1,678	521	3,113
Tag Retainers' Fees ..	1,173	0	327	103	1,603
A.R.O. Fees	60	0	0	0	60
Telephone Fees	88	33	4,948	2,064	7,133
Bad Check					
Collections	37	0	0	17	54
Total	3,555	1,717	15,149	6,082	26,503
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions	139,196	32,194	198,239	60,262	429,891
& Percentages	32.4%	7.5%	46.1%	14.0%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPT.

Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations

Issued During Fiscal Years 7-1-52 to 6-30-53

and 7-1-53 to 6-30-54

	7-1-52 to 6-30-53	7-1-53 to 6-30-54	
CLASSIFICATION	One Year	One Year	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures	102,879	109,766	+ 6,887
Commercials	21,368	22,886	+ 1,518
Trailers	5,399	6,830	+ 1,431
Tractors	212	230	+ 18
Motorcycles	610	612	+ 2
Stock Cars	7	30	+ 23
Dealers	1,424	1,491	+ 67
Farm Trucks	2,867	3,162	+ 295
Exempt	1,624	1,762	+ 138
TOTAL	136,390	146,769	+ 10,379
Percent	94.6%	93.3%	

	One Half Year	One Half Year	
CLASSIFICATION			Increase or Decrease
Pleasures	3,454	4,869	+ 1,415
Commercials	2,710	2,991	+ 281
Trailers	705	741	+ 36
Motorcycles	0	1	+ 1
Farm Trucks	27	39	+ 12
TOTAL	6,896	8,641	+ 1,745
Percent	4.8%	5.5%	

Note: Approximately 756 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954, or about 5/10 of 1%. About 4/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.**

Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration

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JUNE 30, 1954 REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE										
Expir. Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class.	As of 7-1-53	As of 7-1-54	Increase Or Decrease	
Reg. Exp. 9-30-54	7,398	7,926	21,375	36,699		Pleasures	96,986	102,140	+	5.3 %
Reg. Exp. 12-31-54	6,844	7,762	18,537	33,143	1,650	Comm. & Trlrs.	C20,560 T 5,013	C21,791 T 6,329	+	6.0 % + 26.3 %
Reg. Exp. 3-31-55	8,401	8,811	26,362	43,574		Tractors	165	189	+	14.5 %
Reg. Exp. 6-30-55	4,591	3,789	13,447	21,827		M-Cycles	465	464	—	.2 %
						Stock Cars	7	23	+	228.6 %
						Farm Trucks ..	2,626	2,881	+	9.7 %
Total	27,234	28,288	79,721	135,243	1,650	Total	125,822	133,817	+	6.3 %

(Note: Dealers are not included in the above number of vehicles registered.)

APPROXIMATE NO. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1951	1952	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1951	1953	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1951	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1952	1954	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1951	% of Increase or Decrease Over 1953
July 1	111,376	117,656	+ 5.6	127,199	+ 14.2	+ 8.1	135,243	+ 21.4	+ 6.3

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
in Reference to Counties

Classification of Vehicles Registered by Counties as of				
7-1-54	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total
Pleasures	18,694	18,879	64,567	102,140
Commercials	5,137	5,109	11,545	21,791
Trailers	1,329	2,443	2,557	6,329
Tractors	9	83	97	189
Motorcycles	63	71	330	464
Stock Cars	0	22	1	23
Farm Trucks	1,560	1,153	168	2,881
TOTAL	26,792	27,760	79,265	133,817

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
(Classified by Expiration Period)
Ended June 30, 1954

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Date & No.	3-31-47	33,532	6-30-47	10,259	9-30-47	28,530	12-31-47	1 2,474
"	3-31-48	34,355	6-30-48	13,214	9-30-48	29,864	12-31-48	1 5,397
"	3-31-49	35,323	6-30-49	16,384	9-30-49	30,978	12-31-49	1 8,239
"	3-31-50	36,139	6-30-50	20,391	9-30-50	32,382	12-31-50	2 2,325
"	3-31-51	37,902	6-30-51	25,588	9-30-51	33,587	12-31-51	2 5,695
"	3-31-52	39,495	6-30-52	28,613	9-30-52	33,589	12-31-52	2 8,057
"	3-31-53	40,883	6-30-53	30,328	9-30-53	35,302	12-31-53	3 2,096
"	3-31-54	44,769	6-30-54	34,190	9-30-54	36,699	12-31-54	*

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 12-31-54 are not complete on June 30, 1954, end of the fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November, and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-54.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPT.

Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles Issued for Fiscal Years Ending June 30

Month	NEW CAR TITLES				USED CAR TITLES			
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1951	1952	1953	1954
July	2,400	1,676	1,384	2,138	3,755	4,480	4,775	5,339
August	2,108	1,667	710	1,896	4,124	4,679	3,930	4,669
September	1,770	1,242	1,135	1,691	3,634	3,956	4,042	4,608
October	1,922	1,552	1,683	2,048	3,667	4,457	4,528	4,931
November	1,387	1,219	1,332	1,600	3,260	3,577	3,466	4,012
December	1,394	934	1,244	1,346	2,633	3,194	3,496	4,106
January	2,056	1,362	1,774	1,404	4,416	4,526	4,840	3,951
February	1,543	1,135	1,524	1,474	3,512	4,265	4,569	4,501
March	1,633	1,192	1,722	1,661	4,933	5,086	6,101	7,186
April	1,915	1,534	2,397	2,286	4,811	5,298	6,034	5,638
May	1,576	1,515	2,048	1,666	4,315	4,776	5,037	4,759
June	1,487	1,576	1,787	1,853	4,026	4,805	4,879	5,139
Total	21,191	16,604	18,740	21,063	47,086	53,099	55,697	58,839

Percentage of Increase in
New Car Titles over 1953 12.4%

Percentage of Increase in
Used Car Titles over 1953 5.6%

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

AUDITING DEPT.

Note: Due to the change from Annual to Bi-Annual licenses there is no figure available on the number of Bi-Annual Operators and Chauffeurs issued. With the completion of the new filing system we hope to have the figures for the next fiscal year report.

Approximate number (1955) Taxi Licenses
issued as of June 30, 1954 285

APPROX. NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT NOS. ISSUED

Fiscal Year	July, 1952 to June, 1953 incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	July, 1953 to June, 1954 incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	Increase or Decrease in Average
No.	17,244	1,437	15,306	1,276	—161

Remarks: The above figures (showing the approximate number of Temporary Instruction Permits Issued) do not represent the number of examinations passed. A percentage of these permits expired.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR AND
CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
(Classified by Months and Departments)
Fiscal Year 7-1-53 to 6-30-54

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
July	42	21	121	15	199
August	6	4	51	5	66
September	6	8	62	9	85
October	6	3	38	6	53
November	12	2	59	6	79
December	37	42	322	64	465
January	86	67	467	159	779
February	95	75	536	132	838
March	128	75	600	175	978
April	84	41	401	118	644
May	69	50	432	101	652
June	88	51	508	214	861
Total	659	439	3,597	1,004	5,699
Percentages	11.6%	7.7%	63.1%	17.6%	

APPROX. NO. PERMANENT OPER.
& CHAUFF. ISSUED

As of July 1, 1954	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffers	Total
Applications Received	42,384	10,904	53,288
Refunds (Subtracted)	—1,017	—259	—1,276
Total No. Issued	41,367	10,645	52,012

MONTHLY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR OF JULY 1, 1953 TO JUNE 30, 1954

Items	From Registration	
	Each Branch	Total
REGISTRATIONS		
Wilmington	89,957	
Georgetown	31,502	
Dover	21,991	
Mail	12,716	156,166
OUTGOING LETTERS	8,198	8,198
DUPLICATE CARDS		
Wilmington	3,620	
Georgetown	1,304	
Dover	594	
Mail	1,637	7,155
INTER-OFFICE MEMO	38	38
OUTGOING ASSIGNMENTS		
Wilmington	754	
Georgetown	405	
Dover	137	1,296
INFORMATION LETTERS	5,682	5,682
CHANGE OF ADDRESS		
Dover	591	
Wilmington	4,773	
Georgetown	520	5,884
OUTGOING TITLES TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED		
Dover Lane	1,744	
Wilmington	34,008	
Georgetown	8,813	44,565
OUTGOING TITLES		
Mail	43,794	43,794
LIENS SATISFIED	25,113	25,113
REFUNDS	\$21,904.89	\$21,904.89

ACTIVITY REPORT—1953-1954

	1953 July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1954 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Letters	236	246	273	358	307	292	185	418	419	172	319	224
Inner-Office	30	22	40	27	37	21	5	27	35	41	41	10
Assignments	40	45	26	47	32	54	9	65	78	19	45	28
Change of Name (Ann.)	97	72	81	113	52	98	78	48	64	46	53	63
Duplicate Licenses	270	249	252	280	184	226	158	149	177	204	133	208
Stencils Cut	11	5	12	9	8	9	3	2	6	...	5	3
Bulletins	360	250	500	360	350	450	150	100	140	...	200	100
Information by Phone	540	485	510	481	416	755	1,123	1,219	1,374	1,081	1,018	1,354
Original Licenses	1,701	1,248	1,327	1,175	937	984	942	964	1,223	1,246	870	1,448
Ex. to Chf. (Annual)	115	72	83	86	83	74	75	69	95	86	60	106
Bills	4	3	8	24	5	6	5	19	14	...	5	6
Renewal Ins. Cert.	27	31	22	27	39	16	4	21	27	...	49	3
Original Ins. Cert.	15	10	13	19	20	12	4	10	29	...	16	...
Renewal Licenses	56	48	57	52	79	1,617	5,235	7,091	...	7,132	6,397	8,157
Activity Report	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	1
Detailed Report	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	...	2	1
Revocation Report	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	...	3	3
Notices to Renew In.	22	11	9	29	...	11	2	11	29	...	27	2
Cert. Cop. Driv. Rec.	8	6	7	3	9	6	7	18	11	6	14	1
Copies of Letters	11	3	11	13	15	6	2	...	...	...	8	19
Mimeographed Letters	1,500	...	...	100	500	...	...	...	10,000	...	12,000	...
Yearly Activity Rep.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yearly Detailed Rep.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Information	119	126	149	74	49	35	22	90	77	47	54	...
Restricted Licenses	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	4	4	3	7	1
Revocation Cards	78	67	60	180	105	105	108	45	120	108	120	120
Responsibility Cards	53	45	40	167	68	71	72	30	80	72	74	80
Title Cards	30	2	3	3	1	4	1	5	2	...	7	...
Cert. of Revocation	4	3	5	9	11	8	5	2	8	10	8	...
Copies of Arrest Rep.	4	3	...	8	10	8	5	2	8	10	...	...
Responsibility Let.	23	19	16	37	31	30	35	10	40	35	32	41
Revocation Letters	27	32	21	53	43	43	40	12	57	50	56	42
Suspension Letters	3	2	3	7	2	5	1	5	...	...	7	...
Licenses Corrected	98	141	10	12	31	11	6	22	404	...	...	...
Correction Lic. Let.	98	...	10	...	5	...	6	22	404	9	...	...
	5,592	3,255	3,559	3,765	3,438	4,966	8,297	10,488	14,937	10,377	21,632	12,021

ACTIVITY REPORT—1953-1954—(Continued)

	1953 July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1954 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Change of Address (Per.)	33	261	243	223	194	258	147	270	315	234	230	301
Duplicate Perm.	43	35	44	31	24	32	14	40	36	32	28	42
Taxi Cards	37	11	17	12	19	22	4	23	18	5	..	..
Defaced License .....	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Change of Name (Per.)	10	14	12	18	13	15	13	11	18	8	11	12
Permanents	227	68	83	54	65	423	667	921	964	691	638	837
Magistrate Rep.	4	3	5	8	10	8	5	2	8	9	8	8
Stop Cards .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	1	..	1	..
Defaced Permanents .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
2nd License Perm. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Addition to Name .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Restricted Forms Iss.	1	5	3	3	..	1	3	6	4	12	..	..
Corrections & Retak. ....	..	141	76	52	..	25	25	22	..	202	163	160
Change of Add. on Rest. ....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Change of Add. (Ann.) .....	..	749	931	1,153	764	941	604	557	..	786	512	..
Correction (Perm.)	19	13	..	24	5	..	4	12	21	923	23	..
5-Yr. Comparison Sheet	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mimeographed Cards .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,000	..	..
Accident Rep. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Taxi Licenses .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	128	95
Taxi Renewals	13	16	6	7	2	4	20	21	..	..	..	..
Ex. to Chauff. (Perm.)	8	6	2	4	6	9	10	13	12	5	7	8
Certified Letters .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
	397	1,322	1,424	1,590	1,104	1,740	1,518	1,902	5,397	2,907	1,751	1,476

DETAILED REPORT—7-1-53 to 6-30-54
Revocations and Suspensions—Residents

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	1953 July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1954 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Intoxicated Driving	22	19	13	28	24	22	26	12	30	30	25	10
Failed to File Insur.	2	.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manslaughter .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Leaving Scene of Acc. ....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Driving Dur. Per. of Rev.	13	8	1	5	9	4	2	3	6	3	2	2
Judgment	3	.....	3	1	2	7	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1
Rev. Due to Acc. ....	.....	42	51	91	74	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Father Ref. to be Resp. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Violate Emerg. Permit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Larceny .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Driving Dif. from Spec. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
On Restricted Lic. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Failure to Renew Insur. ....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reinstatements & Releas. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reinstated 173-A	4	.....	5	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2
Released 173-A	6	5	4	4	7	1	3	5	3	.....	1	.....
Rein. Insurance Filed	16	6	7	7	6	9	10	1	11	5	3	1
Released 3 Yrs. Filing	4	3	2	5	5	1	4	7	1	3	10	.....
Consent of Commissioner	1	2	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Nolle Prossed .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Writ of Certiorari Fil. ....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reins. Became of Age	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sus. Lifted on #28	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Recision Lifted .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Released By Law 1949 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Revoked in Error .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rein. Due to Accidents .....	.....	8	35	59	51	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2nd Conviction .....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....
3rd Conviction .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4th Conviction .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Responsible for Insur.	40	27	17	39	37	33	31	20	36	33	27	14
Out of State Conviction	1	5	5	7	4	4	13	5	8	4	1	11
	114	126	147	258	223	162	94	60	103	80	72	42

DETAILED REPORT—7-1-53 to 6-30-54—(Continued)
Revocations and Suspensions—Non-Residents

	1953 July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1954 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Intoxicated Driving	3	2	4	9	8	7	3	1	7	7	2	10
Failed to File Insur.
Accidents W/O Insur.
Judgment	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Leaving Scene of Acc.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Driving During Per. Rev.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Manslaughter
Revocations Due to Acc.	58	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reinstatements and Rel.
Reinstated 173-A	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Released 173-A	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	..	1	...
Released 3 Yrs. Filing	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reinstated Consent Com.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reinstated Ins. Filed	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...
Writ of Cert. Filed
Reinstatement due to Acc.	18	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous
Responsible for Ins.	3	2	4	9	10	8	4	1	7	7	2	11
2nd Conviction
3rd Conviction
Rein. Consent Dr. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6	85	11	24	20	86	10	2	17	15	5	22

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT

One of the best means of dealing with the accident or arrest prone driver is through Driver Improvement methods.

To deal with these drivers the Division is currently employing three hearing or interview officers. Those who are involved in accidents, convicted for a serious violation of the motor vehicle law or have more than one conviction within a twelve month period can expect to be called before one of these hearing officers to give reason why their privileges to operate should not be suspended. Unquestionably the human factor is a major element in the accident picture and improvement of present drivers is a big field for profitable safety efforts.

It is common knowledge that often the most flagrant violator is anxious to pay the fine in the hope the whole affair will be forgotten and he may again be free to travel the highways. To this violator the payment of fines does not act as the necessary deterrent and must therefore be dealt with more severely through Driver Improvement methods.

During the fiscal 1953-1954 a record number of cases were reviewed by the Division, resulting in a substantial increase in the suspension of operating privileges.

It is the sincere hope and aim of the Driver Improvement Division to eliminate every unnecessary accident from our highways.

**STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954

CASES REVIEWED			3,582
CITED TO APPEAR FOR INTERVIEW			1,159
Driving Record	668	WARNING LETTERS	2,079
Accidents	112	Regular Letters	1,846
Special Interviews	288	Accident Letters	233
SUSPENSIONS	1,044		<u>2079</u>
SUSPENSION BY			
INTERVIEW	355	TEENS	589
SUSPENSION W/O		TWENTIES	1,518
HEARING	689	THIRTIES	884
Violation on		FORTIES	456
Probation	106	FIFTIES	185
Violation After Sus. ..	154	SIXTIES	53
Court Request	41	SEVENTIES	24
Knowingly Permitting	92	EIGHTIES	8
Taking Car		NINETIES	0
W/O Consent	30		<u>3,717</u>
False Statement	78		
Other	188	MALE	3,604
	<u>689</u>	FEMALE	113
			<u>3,717</u>
TOTAL MONTHS SUSPENSION ..			2,463
PROBATION			522
RESTRICTED LICENSE			169
CASES CONTINUED			203
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY REVOCATIONS			

STATE OF DELAWARE
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	4,571
OUT OF STATE	5,138
LAPSED LICENSE	395
RECKLESS DRIVING	0
DRIVING DRUNK	63
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	10,167

KENT COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	809
OUT OF STATE	926
LAPSED LICENSE	106
RECKLESS DRIVING	0
DRIVING DRUNK	26
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	1,867

SUSSEX COUNTY

NEW DRIVERS	1,193
OUT OF STATE	813
LAPSED LICENSE	130
RECKLESS DRIVING	0
DRIVING DRUNK	23
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	2,159

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NEW DRIVERS	6,573
OUT OF STATE	6,877
LAPSED LICENSE	631
RECKLESS DRIVING	0
DRIVING DRUNK	112
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	14,193

REPORT FOR YEAR

From July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954

EXAMINATION GIVEN

INSIDE EXAM	ROAD TESTS
19,958	7,449
FAILED ROAD SIGN	FAILED ROAD RULES
53	2,531

FAILED VISION

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DRIVING TESTS GIVEN	7,489
FAILED DRIVING TESTS	1,031
PERMITS ISSUED	7,708
TAXI	527
D. E. T.	1,129

AGE GROUPS:

16-25	13,334
26-55	13,316
55	776
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	27,426

STATE OF DELAWARE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
January 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DEPARTMENT

June 30, 1954

Mr. Harvey B. Spicer
Motor Vehicle Commissioner
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Spicer:

The Delaware Financial Responsibility Law has now been in effect two and one-half years. The driving public should now be aware that a certain category of drivers are being removed from the roads. These are, in most instances, uninsured drivers who were involved in accidents and were unable to satisfactorily repair the damage to the other vehicle or vehicles.

This Department cannot decide who is to blame in any accident. Everyone involved must furnish this office with proof of insurance or their ability to pay for the damage to all other vehicles or any personal injury sustained by anyone in any manner involved in the accident. There is, of course, a \$100.00 minimum.

To make a comparison of the figures on file in this office for the period ending June 30, 1953 with the figures for the period ending June 30, 1954, it can be readily ascertained that the percentage of out of State owners and operators continues to run close to 30% of all accidents that occur within the boundaries of this State. The people not carrying liability insurance were slightly above that of last year. The personal injuries were 720 more than the corresponding period and the property damage was still in excess of \$2,000,000.00, as this year. We suspended around 150 more in 1953 than we did in 1954, which is an indication that the public is becoming increasingly aware of our law and the consequences to be suffered if the provisions of this law are not abided by.

A restricted or work license amendment was added to our law in the last legislature. We feel that the purpose of our law would be defeated if a restricted license were issued indiscriminately; consequently, they are never issued except

in extreme hardship cases and only then after they have furnished us with a certificate of insurance indicating they have full coverage with respect to their operation or ownership of a motor vehicle. An individual with a record of several accidents or arrests would not be given a restricted license. Only one (1) restricted license has been issued by this Department.

We have had several judgments resulting from accidents, which have been filed with this office. These judgments have to be processed along with the normal days work. This, of course, means additional work for our staff.

We have collected a total of \$63,556.49 and have refunded a total of \$42,552.00, which leaves a balance of \$21,004.49 on deposit with the State Treasurer. Individual receipts are given or mailed for each deposit. Before the deposit can be returned to the depositor, one year must have elapsed from the date of the deposit, or a release from liability must be on file in this office. When we are in receipt of the proper proof that no action has been taken for damages resulting from this accident and no suit pending as a result of this accident, our office makes out an invoice requesting a refund be made to the depositor. A cash book record is kept on all deposits and disbursements. Within a few minutes the balance we have on deposit can be ascertained.

I would also like to mention that we are still receiving fine cooperation from the Inspectors of the various Motor Vehicle Lanes and Police Departments. They are most cooperative. Without this cooperation, we would find it very difficult to obtain operator's license and registrations in several instances, since we do not have an inspector assigned to our department.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hattie W. Tarbutton, Deputy
Financial Responsibility

FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 1954

Month	No. Accidents	New Castle	Kent	Sussex	Out of State	No Insurance	Injuries	Damages	Suspensions
July	515	343	77	95	221	124	170	\$ 201,707	95
August	455	303	54	98	235	96	171	204,318	98
September	542	340	78	124	238	121	177	219,218	51
October	467	336	61	70	175	97	152	195,077	90
November	563	365	91	107	210	125	196	245,473	114
December	661	463	110	88	241	172	255	291,633	113
January	541	415	57	69	156	113	132	203,244	83
February	450	309	55	86	136	115	119	153,930	67
March	491	346	73	72	152	137	172	192,375	130
April	452	327	66	59	134	111	140	160,325	73
May	399	281	49	69	139	115	152	150,405	72
June	509	354	68	87	144	132	182	168,395	92
TOTAL	6,045	4,182	839	1,024	2,181	1,458	2,018	\$2,386,100	1,078